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Docket No. 0126/1101.014

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Faris, et al.

Serial No.: 09/893,163

Group Art Unit: 2871

Filed: June 27, 2001

Examiner: unknown

Atty. Docket No. 0126/1101.014

Title: Backlight for a Liquid Crystal Display Having High Light-Recycling Efficiency

AND

Corresponding PCT Patent Application, International Serial Number PCT/US01/20346, filed 27 June 2001, Atty. Docket No. 0126/1101.014WO.

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Petition To Accord New Filing Date Based On Deviation From Normal Business Practice under
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Dear Sir:

This petition is responsive to the Official Filing Receipt mailed on August 20, 2001 in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application, and to an Invitation to Correct Priority Claim in the above-referenced PCT Application.

A credit card form in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the Petition Fee is enclosed. Any deficiencies or overpayments may be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0734.

Both of the above-referenced Applications have been accorded a filing date of June 27, 2001. The undersigned representative, however, prepared Express Mail packages containing the application materials, including Certificates of Express Mailing, on June 26, 2001, in order to claim the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/214,107, which was filed on June 26, 2000. Copies of the Certificate of Express Mailing in the U.S. application, and the Transmittal to the U.S. Receiving Office bearing a Certificate of Express Mailing in the PCT application, are enclosed herewith as Exhibits A and B.

The undersigned states that it is our normal business practice to physically hand Express Mail packages to a representative of the U.S. Postal Service in order to obtain a filing date of that day. This is accomplished by either hand delivering the Express Mail package to Boston's Post Office Square Post Office located across the street from the office of the undersigned, or, if after 5pm, by taking an approximately 10 minute walk to Boston's South Station Post Office which remains open until midnight. Submitted herewith are copies of Express Mail Mailing Certificates or labels and accompanying Official Filing Receipts (Exhibits C-H) for other applications filed by the undersigned, in which same-day filing dates were obtained in order to successfully make priority claims. Please consider these copies as evidence of the above-described normal business practice of the undersigned.

On June 26, 2001, the two Express Mail packages containing the respective applications at issue, were completed at approximately 6pm, after the close of business of the nearby Post Office Square Post Office. Ms. Amy J. Berry, who at the time was employed as administrative assistant to the undersigned (and whose name and signature appears on the Certificates of Express Mailing), apparently deviated from her instructions as to this normal practice, and instead of walking to the South Station Post Office, deposited the package in a nearby Express Mail drop box after the last scheduled pickup. In the days and weeks since, a number of other events involving Ms. Berry have come to light, which necessitated the termination of her employment.

In light of this erroneous deviation from our normal business practices, the undersigned respectfully requests that the above-referenced applications be accorded the filing date of June 26, 2001, which is the date on which the Express Mail packages were completed, the date on which Ms. Berry was instructed to hand deliver them to the U.S. Post Office, and the date on which they appear to have been erroneously deposited in an Express Mail drop box.

Respectfully submitted,



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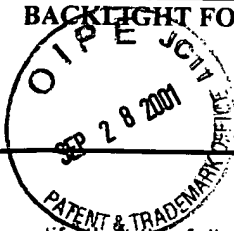
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Serial No.

Filing Date
June 26, 2001

Examiner

Group Art Unit

Invention: **BACKLIGHT FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY HAVING HIGH LIGHT-RECYCLING EFFICIENCY**

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Enclosed: New U.S. Patent Application including drawings (6 sheets), Patent Application Transmittal Letter, Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned), Transmittal of Information Disclosure Statement, Information Disclosure Citation, Express Mail Certificate bearing label number EF357710345US, Credit Card Payment Form and Acknowledgment Postcard.

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Date	26 June 2001
International Application No.	
Attorney Docket No.	0126/1101.014WO

I. Certification under 37 CFR 1.10 (if applicable)

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II. ☒ New International Application

TITLE	BACKLIGHT FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY HAVING HIGH LIGHT-RECYCLING EFFICIENCY.
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Earliest priority date (Day/Month/Year)
26 June 2000

SCREENING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION: In order to assist in screening the accompanying international application for purposes of determining whether a license for foreign transmittal should and could be granted and for other purposes, the following information is supplied. (Note: check as many boxes as apply):

- A. ☐ The invention disclosed was not made in the United States.
- B. ☐ There is no prior U.S. application relating to this invention.
- C. ☒ The following prior U.S. application(s) contain subject matter which is related to the invention disclosed in the attached international application. (NOTE: priority to these applications may or may not be claimed on form PCT/RO/101 (Request) and this listing does not constitute a claim for priority).

application no.	60/214,107	filed on	26 June 2000
application no.		filed on	

- D. ☐ The present international application ☐ is identical ☐ contains less subject matter than that found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in paragraph C.
- E. ☐ The present international application ☐ contains additional subject matter not found in the prior U.S. application(s) identified in paragraph C. above. The additional subject matter is found on pages ☐ DOES NOT ALTER ☐ MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO ALTER the general nature of the invention in a manner which would require the U.S. application to have been made available for inspection by the appropriate defense agencies under 35 U.S.C. 181 and 37 CFR 5.1. See 37 CFR 5.15

III. ☐ A Response to an Invitation from the RO/US. The following document(s) is (are) enclosed:

- A. ☐ A Request for An Extension of Time to File a Response
- B. ☐ A Power of Attorney (General or Regular)
- C. ☐ Replacement pages:

pages		of the request (PCT/RO/101)	pages		of the figures
pages		of the description	pages		of the abstract
pages		of the claims			

- D. ☐ Submission of Priority Documents

Priority document		Priority document	
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- E. ☐ Fees as specified on attached Fee Calculation sheet form PCT/RO/101 annex

IV. ☐ A Request for Rectification under PCT 91 ☐ A Petition ☐ A Sequence Listing Diskette

V. ☒ Other (please specify): New PCT Application; PCT Request Form; Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Receiving Office and Acknowledgement Postcard.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant	Richard L. Sampson
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09/627,017	07/27/2000	2761	1380	99,044/1105.021	14	54	4

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Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/145,825 07/27/1999
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/145,528 07/26/1999 *
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/145,271 07/26/1999 *
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/185,806 02/29/2000
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Title

Shared shopping basket management system

Preliminary Class

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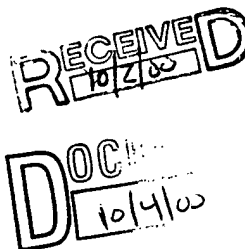


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Marks

Title: SHARED SHOPPING BASKET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No.: 1105.021

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Enclosures:

1. Patent Application;
2. Patent Application Transmittal Letter;
3. Drawings (14 sheets);
4. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
5. Transmittal of Information Disclosure Statement;
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/197,195 04/14/2000

Foreign Applications

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Projected Publication Date: 11/15/2001

Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

Capacitance level measurement circuit and system

Preliminary Class

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Docket No.

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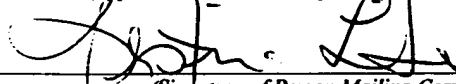
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TITLE
BIOPOLYMER-BASED HOLOGRAPHIC OPTICAL ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY CLASS: 359

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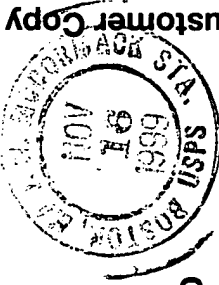
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